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# S. RES. 287

Expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward  
Libya, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 12, 2000

Mr. HELMS (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. MACK)  
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee  
on Foreign Relations

APRIL 13, 2000

Reported by Mr. HELMS without amendment

APRIL 27, 2000

Considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas 270 people, including 189 Americans, were killed in  
the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over  
Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988;

Whereas this bombing was one of the worst terrorist atroc-  
ities in American history;

Whereas 2 Libyan suspects in the attack are scheduled to go  
on trial in The Netherlands on May 3, 2000;

Whereas the United Nations Security Council has required Libya to cooperate throughout the trial, pay compensation to the families if the suspects are found guilty, and end support for international terrorism before multilateral sanctions can be permanently lifted;

Whereas Libya is accused in the 1986 La Belle discotheque bombing in Germany which resulted in the death of 2 United States servicemen;

Whereas in March 1999, 6 Libyan intelligence agents including Muammar Qadhafi's brother-in-law, were convicted in absentia by French courts for the bombing of UTA Flight 772 that resulted in the death of 171 people, including 7 Americans;

Whereas restrictions on United States citizens' travel to Libya, known informally as a travel ban, have been in effect since December 11, 1981, as a result of "threats of hostile acts against Americans" according to the Department of State;

Whereas on March 22, 4 United States State Department officials departed for Libya as part of a review of the travel ban; and

Whereas Libyan officials have interpreted the review as a positive signal from the United States, and according to a senior Libyan official "the international community was convinced that Libya's foreign policy position was not wrong and there is a noticeable improvement in Libya's relations with the world": Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2               (1) Libya's refusal to accept responsibility for

3       its role in terrorist attacks against United States

1 citizens suggests that the imminent danger to the  
2 physical safety of United States travelers continues;

3 (2) the President should consult fully with Con-  
4 gress in considering policy toward Libya, including  
5 disclosure of any assurances received by the Qadhafi  
6 regime relative to the judicial proceedings in The  
7 Hague; and

8 (3) the travel ban and all other United States  
9 restrictions on Libya should not be eased until all  
10 cases of American victims of Libyan terrorism have  
11 been resolved and the Government of Libya has co-  
12 operated fully in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

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